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27 August 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Current Intelligence

FROM :

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SUBJECT : The Korea Task Force of 19-20 August

Mission

1. With military alerts on both sides of the Korean DMZ following the murder of two American officers on 17 August, the Korea Task Force was given the general mission of concentrating the assets of the agency to be ready as needed. It was specifically admonished, however, not to write and disseminate a situation report under its own name--this being the responsibility of the National Sitrep Task Force in the Department of Defense.

2. The task force nevertheless prepared itself to provide written and oral briefings by the afternoon of 19 August. Each eight-hour shift produced an in-house situation report which was made available to the Operations Center senior duty officer, as background for CIA personnel assigned to the task force in the Department of Defense, and as a contribution to the National Intelligence Situation Report. These informal sitreps were also made available to a few agency personnel who requested briefings on developments in Korea.

3. This production helped exercise the analysts and established a record of events and nonevents. It also helped prepare task force officers to brief senior agency visitors on short or no notice.

4. The task force also coordinated some work on the Korea problem produced by other offices in the agency, and it maintained liaison communications with the Department of State task force and the Department of Defense task force.

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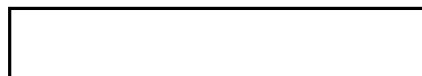
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24. Personnel who might be sent as liaison officers to task forces in the DOD and State should be identified and given tours of those facilities now. They should also be briefed on the opportunities and problems encountered by liaison officers who have served with past task forces.

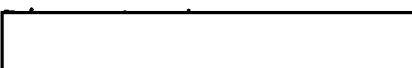


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